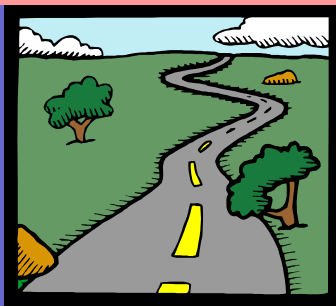


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Landfill Lends a Hand



All usable exercise equipment and wheelchairs that are discarded at the landfill are being collected by landfill employees and is being donated. Exercise equipment is donated to the Diabetes Prevention Organization in San Carlos and usable crutches and wheelchairs are donated to the Lion's Club for families needing them in Mexico.



Weigh Down Challenge



According to the Copper Country News, the Globe/Miami/San Carlos community Weigh Down had a great turnout of people to participate. They had 25 teams and 194 participants. The challenge will run from September through December. The teams did an initial weigh in September and then they will weigh in again in December to see who has lost the most weight as a team. The main goal is to create a healthy lifestyle change through exercise and eating habits. Several Public Works employees along with other county employees formed a team; they call themselves 'Team Success'. Good Luck to their team.

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Administration

We were recently awarded a Local Regional and State Parks Heritage Fund Grant for the development of the Gila County Fairgrounds RV Camping Park. The total project cost will be \$341,767.00 and we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$170,883.50. Gila County's match for this project will be \$170,883.50, which can be In-Kind services. This project is needed to provide the necessary lodging and accommodations for the vast number of people who attend the many different functions that are held year round at the Gila County Fairgrounds complex. This new park development will be the first phase of a multi use site for outdoor recreation opportunities within Gila County and will most importantly serve the local needs of area residents and tourists from all over the United States.

Engineering

The Flood Control District has taken on the responsibility for maintenance and expansion of the Gila County Flood Warning System. This system of automatic remote-reporting rainfall and stream flow gages was originally installed in the early 90s. The gages report rainfall and water level data through radio transmissions. These are relayed through mountain-top repeaters to base stations in Globe, Payson and Phoenix. This information is received by Gila County Emergency Services, Gila County Flood Control District (Engineering Department), the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and the National Weather Service at both Phoenix and Flagstaff. Maintenance was previously the responsibility of the Division of Emergency Services, who have become very busy with homeland security issues recently. Within the last year or so, Flood Control staff have rehabilitated and updated the electronic components in the existing gages in the Globe/Miami area, have installed two new radio repeaters to relay the data transmissions across the County, have installed five new gages in the Willow Fire area to monitor increased runoff, and have installed a rain gage in Roosevelt. Additionally, a base station (radio receiver, data decoder, computer database and intranet web server) has been installed at the Payson office to monitor the system for maintenance needs, and to distribute data through the County network. Assistance was also provided to Emergency Services to update their base station software and reconfigure their base station after the move to the Central Heights building. Some of the equipment was obtained through an IGA with the State, some was obtained through the State under the Willow Fire emergency declaration, and some of the equipment was purchased with County funds. Emergency Services is responsible for responding to flood emergencies, but the Flood Control District cooperates with them and other departments to minimize loss of life and property from flooding as much as possible. This is done through Floodplain Management (flood studies/mapping, review and permitting), advance flood warning, public information and flood mitigation projects. Thanks to the following Engineering Department staff who helped with the back breaking work in installing the gages and assisting with the paperwork: Dean Rodgers, Carlos Ozuna, Jerry Farr, Sine Scott and Darde de Roulhac. With the assistance of Diana Jones, application was also made for a federal grant to finance a portion of the proposed system expansion. Thanks also to the State and the Forest Service for their assistance, especially with the Willow Fire gages. Also planned in this fiscal year are the installation of at least three new rainfall / stream flow gages in the upper Tonto Creek Watershed.

Consolidated Roads & Auto Equipment Shops

During the month of August the Copper Region hauled granite from the Castle Dome Pit for various road projects, installed a culvert on Calle De Loma and resurfaced Copper Hills Road and part of Russell Road with granite. They also moved the extra light poles from the Pinal Mountain Little League field to the Fairgrounds and laid millings on Forest Service Road #446. Facilities Management installed electric lines for their tool storage building and for the sign shop. Blading roads, vegetation control and ditch & shoulder maintenance are continuing projects. Richard Short did a tremendous job blading the race track at the Fairgrounds. The Marion Canyon drainage maintenance project has been successfully completed, and we are cleaning shoulders and ditches in Kellner & Ice House Canyons and are still hauling from Castle Dome Pit. The Timber Region has been busy with paving on Trails End, Bradshaw, and Jan Drive in Pine. They had crew members from several yards including Star Valley, Pine, Young, Tonto Basin, and Globe. They did a GREAT job! Crews also assisted Facilities Management by digging a 300' trench to the new Sheriff's Office building erected at the Star Valley yard. The Wellness program Pelvic Scan produced an attendance of close to 100% by the Timber Region employees. And last, but not least, congratulations to our four remaining employees who passed their CDL Class A license testing with flying colors!

Facilities Management

In August, Facilities completed and turned over to the Sheriff their New Evidence building in Star Valley. They are in the process of several small ADA and safety projects

at the Gila County Community College. They have been quite busy trying to keep up with regular maintenance work while attempting to complete a varied list of small projects. They are also providing service to the Elections Department in September and will again in November., so **REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 2, 2004, YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT!** In September, a contractor was awarded the contract to replace the roof and all a/c units at the Courthouse scheduled to begin sometime in November. They have been preparing the roof for this upcoming long-awaited and much needed project. The Board of Supervisor's Administration remodel began mid-September and work is still in progress.

Solid Waste

A permanent paper recycling drop off site is being constructed at the Russell Gulch landfill, making it easier for large loads of newspaper to be brought in for recycling. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Ernie Davis for all his hard work

in getting that wall done. Grant money was awarded to fund the purchase of 20 yard paper recycling bins to be placed at the Court House in Globe and Payson, as well as replace the 5 yard bins located at Fry's and on Broad Street in Globe. When full, the new bins will be hauled to the landfill and emptied into the 40 yard roll off bin for transportation to Vista Paper Recycling in Scottsdale. 275 tons of paper have been diverted from the landfill and recycled since the beginning of this program last year. An arrangement has been made with End of Life Electronics and the County to have discarded computer equipment transported to Phoenix for dismantle and recycling. In other news, six Solid Waste employees attended Waste Con Conference held in Phoenix in September. The employees attended training classes and inspected the latest in landfill equipment.

